

BWA Youth Pick Relief Project

PORTLAND, Ore. (BP) — When the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference meets here, July 31 - Aug. 4, 1974, young people attending will be asked to participate in an "Oasis"

Day Care Clinics Set For State

The State Sunday School Department will sponsor two training sessions for workers of Preschool children in Nursery Schools and Day Care programs. Day Care Clinics will be held April 30 at Alta Woods Church, Jackson and May 2 at the First Church, Biloxi.

Each meeting will begin at 10 a.m. and conclude at 3 p.m. Lunch will be served at the church at noon for \$1.75. Reservations should be made by April 20 with the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson.

At each location, Mrs. Chance there will be a choice of four conferences. Mrs. Gay Chance will guide the workers of Babies, Creepers, and Toddlers; Dr. Mildred Souther will teach the workers of two and three year olds; Mrs. Bobbie Van Atta will work with the teachers of four and five year olds; and Mrs. Iris Brantley will lead the discussion in the administrative Conference at Biloxi and Mrs. Merle Crumpton in Jackson.

Each of the conference leaders is presently directing Weekday Early Education programs. Mrs. Chance is a graduate of MSCW and Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary. She has been the director of Childhood Education and the Child Enrichment Center at the Union Avenue Baptist Church in Memphis for the past ten years. Mrs. Van Atta is the

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Sen. Hughes Discusses His 'Higher Calling'

FORT WORTH (BP)—Iowa Senator Harold E. Hughes, who announced recently that he is retiring from politics in favor of a religious career, discussed his reasons for answering "a higher calling" recently in taped a conversation to be aired April 28 on the American Broadcasting Company's "Directors" program.

The half-hour segment of ABC's public service presentation was produced in cooperation with the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission. ABC newsmen Frank Reynolds was moderator.

Senator Hughes, who served as governor of Iowa from 1963-68 before moving to the Senate in 1969, said he had attempted to use his political career as a ministry to people.

"But I have come to believe, through the direction of the Holy Spirit and prayer that I can have a greater effect on the well-being of the human family in the spiritual sense than I can in the political sense."

He said the differences in the human family on the face of the earth "are going to have to be resolved in the unity of one God, in prayer and seeking in that relationship."

Hughes emphasized that he is not leaving politics because of Watergate. "I believe that Watergate, as difficult and as traumatic as it is, is going to be a catharsis for this country. I think God is going to use Watergate in this nation to cleanse our political structure and our minds and thoughts in relationship to politics."

He said he encourages young people

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Aiken Church Feels No Pain As Catholics Use Their Building

AIKEN, S. C. (BP) — First Baptist Church here may be the only Southern Baptist church with a Catholic high school on its premises.

St. Angela Academy in Aiken began holding classes in the Baptist church's educational building after the Catholic high school campus suffered major damage in a fire.

"We offered our educational facilities for their use the remainder of the school year, and they accepted," said Robert L. Cate, the pastor of First Baptist Church.

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relief project for Zaire, formerly known as the Congo, in West Africa, and a project to buy coconut trees to be planted in India.

Karl — Heinz Walter of Hamburg, Germany, chairman of the Baptist World Alliance (BWA) youth committee, said portions of Zaire are extremely dry, and particularly where Angolan refugees have settled.

The coconut trees are needed to help some Indians become more economically self-sufficient, Walter said.

The need for water for crops and day-to-day living in Zaire and for a special project in an as yet unaided area prompted the Youth World Conference administrative committee to consider Zaire.

The 8,000 - 10,000 youths expected to attend will be asked to participate in the project through an offering at the conference, and possibly through individual purchase of the coconut trees.

Money for the coconut trees will be channeled through the Telugu Baptist Churches in India. The trees take five years to mature and will outlive the present population, Walter said.

They will provide the people with a badly needed cash income, he added.

"The trees will also provide food if the people need that more than cash," he added. "One coconut tree can be purchased for \$1.25 (American)."

Money given at the conference will be used to provide wells for the dry portion of the African nation, in addition to trees for India, Walter said.

"With about \$10,000, as many as eight wells could be dug.

The money will be channeled through

the BWA relief committee and through Baptists in Zaire.

"We thought this was a very clear project for young people. They are confronted with the fact that there are so many dry zones in Africa at the time."

And Zaire hasn't received much attention from the mass media. "Most publicity and aid has gone to the northern portion of Africa," Walter observed.

The administrative committee chaired by Charles Roselle of Nashville, made one special stipulation on gathering money for the "Oasis" project.

If any catastrophe or disaster occurs at the time of the conference the money will be diverted to help meet that situation, Walter said.

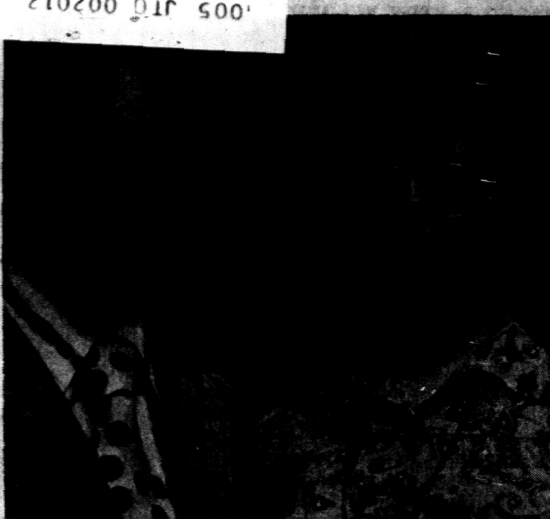
The offering for the project will be taken on Thursday evening, Aug. 1, at the end of the European emphasis general plenary session, he said.

The 8th Baptist Youth World Conference is being sponsored by the BWA, and will be the first time the event has been held in the United States.

The first conference was held in Prague, Czechoslovakia, in 1931.



Dr. and Mrs. Bob Simmons



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Mississippians Named To Overseas Posts

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FMB Names 27; Lottie Moon Record Set

LITTLE ROCK, Ark. (BP) — The appointment of 27 missionaries, a record of record Lottie Moon Christmas Offering receipts and election of new officers highlighted the April meeting of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board here.

In other actions, the board employed a record 85 missionary journeymen, appropriated additional relief funds for West Africa, appointed a special committee to study the philosophy of missionary financial support and expressed appreciation to Arkansas Baptists for hosting the Little Rock meeting.

The evening appointment service was attended by more than 3,000 persons, who overflowed Robinson Auditorium. Featured were testimonies by the new appointees and a missions message by Baker J. Cauthen, the board's executive secretary.

Cauthen reported that a record \$21,184,573 has been received as of April 9, 1974, for the 1973 Lottie Moon Offering. The goal for the offering was \$20 million. Total receipts were to be tabulated at the end of April.

Referring to the offering as an expression of the Southern Baptist Convention's "deep love for missions," he expressed gratitude to the people in the churches and to the Woman's Missionary Union which sponsors the annual offering.

Cauthen also emphasized that a major strength of the Lottie Moon Offering is that it "deepens and stim-

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Tornadoes Hit Southern Baptist Work

By Baptist Press

Multiple tornadoes, which left their devastating "footprints" in 11 Southern and Midwestern states, also ripped through Baptist churches and homes, leaving death, injury and destruction in their wake.

But, according to early reports compiled by Baptist Press, the tornadoes capriciously destroyed churches in some areas and miraculously spared others. Overall, damage to Southern Baptist facilities was minimal compared to widespread destruction of other property.

Fragmentary reports indicate 10 Southern Baptists, out of more than 302 deaths nationally as of April 8, were killed by the tornadoes — eight in Kentucky, five in Georgia, four in Tennessee, and two in Alabama.

In Louisville, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary "was miraculously spared serious damage in the midst

of devastation all around it," a seminary spokesman said.

Of some 1,500 faculty, administration and students, only eight suffered minor injuries — the most serious to Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Oyekan, students from Nigeria, who suffered a dislocated shoulder and broken ribs respectively.

Although buildings on the campus suffered no major structural damage, three buildings lost roofs, the wind snatched cupolas and ornamental columns from two buildings, falling trees damaged or destroyed about 50 faculty and student automobiles and a number of faculty homes were damaged, including the complete destruction of the home of Marvin Tate, associate professor of Old Testament. The campus also lost about 75 trees and several hundred window panes.

Local Civil Defense spokesmen termed efforts by seminary students, faculty and staff as "the back-

bone of relief efforts" in the Crescent Hills area of Louisville.

Students, in the midst of missions

emphasis week, put missions into action by activating WMU Hall on the

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BAPTIST LAYMAN 'PEACE MAKIN' MARSHAL OF DODGE, KANSAS

DODGE CITY, Kans. (BP)—A Southern Baptist layman here may do what legendary Marshal Wyatt Earp couldn't — bring peace to Dodge City as marshal of the famous town. If he does, he'll do it with a Bible instead of a gun.

John Copeland, an active Southern Baptist layman, was elected by the Dodge City Council in the town made famous by such legendary notables as Earp and television's Matt Dillon.

The Marshal's main duty now is to honor visiting dignitaries by making them "deputy marshals." No real law enforcement is involved, but the position remains a prestigious one, nevertheless, city spokesmen say.

In his acceptance speech Copeland said, "All the other marshals tried to bring peace to Dodge at the end of a gun barrel. But I will not wear a gun—never even for decoration or just to fit the role. "Some say this will ruin the marshal's image, but I will try to bring peace to Dodge City in the name of Jesus Christ, the only source of lasting peace."

Fundamentalists Launch Attack On Holcomb As FCC Member

WASHINGTON (BP) — Seven fundamentalist preachers, a representative of the Women's Lib Movement and a spokesman for Spanish-speaking Americans attacked the confirmation of a Southern Baptist minister to the Federal Communications Commission at a hearing here before a Senate subcommittee on communications.

President Nixon nominated Luther Holcomb, current vice chairman of the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, to fill an unexpired term on the FCC. Confirmation by the Senate is required.

Holcomb, a former pastor of the Lake Wood Baptist Church, Dallas, Tex., and a former executive secretary of the Dallas Council of Churches, was supported for confirmation by Sen. John Tower (R-Tex.), Sen. Lloyd Bentsen (D-Tex.) and Rep. Barbara Jordan (D-Tex.).

The fundamentalist clergymen opposed Holcomb's confirmation largely on two grounds: (1) he is an ordained Baptist minister, and (2) he has had too close connections with the ecumenical movement.

Another Baptist minister, Benjamin Hooks, affiliated with the Progressive National Baptist Convention, already serves as a commissioner on the FCC.

Carl McIntire, president of the International Council of Christian Churches, charged that to place Holcomb on the FCC would mean that two of the seven commissioners would represent a religious movement which, he said, in the past has opposed the interests of fundamentalist broadcasters.

Both McIntire and the other fundamentalist clergymen charged that the National Council of Churches has actively opposed religious broadcasting by anti-National Council of Churches ministers. By identifying Holcomb with the NCC, the fundamentalists said that they might continue to be discriminated against in religious broadcasting by the FCC if he is confirmed.

In addition, McIntire charged that Holcomb's confirmation would be a violation of the First Amendment, which says, "Congress shall make no law respecting the establishment of religion. . . ." He interpreted this to

mean "that all religious bodies and religious opinions are to be treated the same, without preference, discrimination or special recognition or use by the federal government."

Holcomb, the fundamentalists claimed, would be unable to exercise "neutrality" toward non-ecumenical churches because of his Baptist ordination and his close association with the ecumenical movement.

Holcomb's reply to such charges was that he has not functioned as a Baptist minister for 15 years and for the past eight years he has devoted his entire time to public service.

He further denied that he had ever been a member of the National Council of Churches, since membership in that body is not by local churches or councils of churches but by denominations.

Ms. Janice Blue, representing the National Organization of Women of Houston, Tex., opposed Holcomb's confirmation because, she claimed, he was not sensitive enough to discrimination because of sex.

Another lady, who accompanied Ms. Blue to the witness table, did not want to be identified with the fund-

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Rigdon Says Many SBC Pastors Need Further Education

NASHVILLE (BP) — The current revolution in adult education is bypassing thousands of pastors of Southern Baptist Convention (SBC)-affiliated churches, the director of the SBC's Seminary Extension Department said in a meeting here.

Raymond M. Rigdon, who directs the department, an arm of the six Southern Baptist seminaries, told representatives from several Baptist state conventions during their second annual session that thousands of pastors are uninvolved in the adult education movement, "although we're living in the midst of the greatest

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Observe Cooperative Program Day Sunday, April 21, 1974.

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campus as a relief center several hours before the Red Cross arrived. The Red Cross, observing the operation, eventually designated it as an official Red Cross disaster center.

Teams coordinated by two students, Jim Doss of Charlotte, N. C., and Robert Ralwater of Shreveport, La., got assignments from a central area and combed the disaster area, bringing in victims to sleeping quarters set up in WMU Hall or for medical treatment in the seminary infirmary.

Faculty, staff and students attracted local praise for community-wide cleanup operations which they launched the day after the tornadoes hit and for feeding operations for tornado victims in cooperation with local churches.

Elsewhere in Kentucky, the winds completely destroyed Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, Brandenburg, and the homes of the pastor and minister of music.

Billy Marcum, the Phillips Memorial pastor, said no one was in the church or the parsonage when the twister struck because he had gone to pick up his wife.

"I left at 4:05 and at 4:10 the house left," Marcum said.

Evergreen Baptist Church, near Frankfort, Ky., was leveled, along with the pastor's home and at least two members of the congregation died of injuries.

Winds practically obliterated the small, historic village of Stamping Ground, Ky., destroying the Baptist church, which was constituted in 1785, and gutting the parsonage. The pastor's study, occupied at the time of the tornado by Don Crawley, interim pastor, was the only part of the church left standing. Crawley saved his life by diving under the desk.

Although no Baptist churches were known to be damaged in Pulaski County, Ky., four members of the Pine Grove Baptist Church, Nancy, and two members of Cedar Point Baptist Church, Ingle, were reported among the dead.

Reports from Louisville indicate the storm spared most Baptist facilities, despite the fact that many were in its direct path.

Broadway Baptist Church in the Indian Hills section of Louisville missed extensive damage but the home of the pastor, Edwin Perry, was totally destroyed. Mrs. Perry, now hospitalized in satisfactory condition, was severely injured in the collapsing home and underwent surgery.

Perry and his two sons set up a relief operation in the church.

The Long Run Baptist Association, made up of some 100 churches in the Louisville area, has laid plans for relief for tornado-stricken Kentuckians.

Relief plans, a spokesman said, will put special emphasis on cash relief, instead of such items as food and clothing, because they are available through other channels.

Some churches in the association took an offering April 7, but most will take a relief offering on Easter Sunday to provide financial assistance.

Meanwhile, in Alabama, state Baptist leaders there have also called for an Easter Sunday offering to assist tornado victims and have already made \$20,000 available to aid victims in devastated areas of north Alabama.

The Alabama Baptist State Convention's disaster relief committee, which coordinated allocation of \$82,000 last May when tornadoes also hit the state, has been reactivated.

Assistance Given

Four distribution, aid and collection centers — three in churches and one in the Alabama executive board's offices in Montgomery — have provided a wide range of assistance to tornado victims, a spokesman said.

"A Baptist pastor and his wife were killed when a tornado slammed through Alta Baptist Church, near Berry, Ala., during mid-week prayer services."

Houston Brand, in his 70s, was killed instantly and his wife died the next day. Alta church is not aligned with the Alabama Baptist State Convention. Brand at one time was pastor of Corona Baptist Church in Walker Association, his last Alabama convention-aligned pastorate.

Another minister, Johnny Bozeman, was speaking at the church when the tornado struck. Twenty-six of some 30-40 people at the service, including Bozeman, were injured.

Tanner Baptist Church, near Athens, Ala., was demolished and Guin Baptist Church, Guin, Ala., suffered extensive damage to its new educational building. The town of Guin, the most severely damaged in Alabama, a spokesman said, "lost almost everything through the twister."

Pastoriums severely damaged or leveled in Alabama include those of Oak Spring Baptist Church, near Calhoun; Mt. Zion Baptist Church, Calhoun; Westside Baptist Church, Jasper; and Guin Baptist Church, Guin.

Recently, only one Southern Baptist church in Georgia, Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Holcombe, was dam-



Putting The Pieces Together Again

Badgett Dillard, vice president for business affairs, symbolically demonstrates what is going on at Southern Baptist Theological Seminary these days—putting the pieces back together again after the April 3 tornado ravaged the seminary campus and the City of Louisville. Some 18 seminary buildings were damaged, 300 trees uprooted and the seminary sign split in half by the force of the wind. (Baptist Press Photo by Toby Druiin, HMB)

aged. It was completely destroyed. Local observers expressed a amazement at the fact so little damage was done to churches in the state.

But deaths in the state included Harry Roper of Holcombe, treasurer of the Yellow Creek Church and Mr. and Mrs. Trammel Goble and their two daughters, members of Halls Memorial Baptist Church, near Keasler. The Gobles' 12-year-old son was hospitalized.

In Tennessee, most Baptist church damage seemed to center in Nashville, where at least four churches received extensive damage — Crivewood Baptist Church, Una Baptist Church, Two Rivers Baptist Church and Berean Baptist Church.

Baptists killed, according to latest tabulations in Tennessee, were Mr. and Mrs. Edward Bohannon of Cookeville and their four-year-old granddaughter, Theresa Bohannon. Theresa's two-year-old brother is in serious condition at Vanderbilt Hospital, Nashville. Mrs. Bohannon was the niece of Johnny Lee, missions superintendent of the Stone Baptist Association.

In Indiana, Calvary Baptist Church, Madison, Ind., was completely demolished, along with the home of the pastor, Tom Ralston, and the homes of at least four other families in the church.

Day Care - - -

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Children's Director and Director of the Child Care Program at Dauphin Way Baptist Church, Mobile.

Dr. Mildred Souther is a Professor of Religious Education at New Orleans Baptist Seminary. She also directs the Seminary Demonstration School for Preschool children. She is a graduate of Oklahoma Baptist University and Southwestern Baptist Seminary.

Mrs. Crumpton directs the Kindergarten and Day Care Programs at Alta Woods Church, Jackson. Mrs. Brantley received her degree from the University of Southern Mississippi. She presently serves as director of the Early Childhood Development Center at William Carey College, Hattiesburg.

The purpose of these clinics is to provide participants help in curriculum planning, programing, and good teaching procedures. Basic concepts will be given which will guide each teacher to provide more effective learning experiences.

Pastors, ministers of education, committee members and directors are invited to attend to gain understanding of the concepts, the need of the program of a Weekly Early Education program in a church.

Emergency funds dispensed through April 11 included \$10,000 to South Carolina for damages caused by a March storm, \$3,000 to Ohio, \$5,000 to Kentucky, \$5,000 to Indiana, \$10,400 to Alabama and \$3,000 to Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Ky., for emergency relief

for students and faculty.

Adkins, who toured the Louisville area and the storm-stricken seminary campus, said states granted emergency relief funds were being asked to match the amounts. Alabama, he noted, already had raised \$26,000.

HMB President, Russell Dillard, pastor of Atlanta's Second - Ponce de Leon Baptist Church, told the executive committee Palmer had been elected to his new position in a poll of the directors.

Palmer has been associated with the board for some 16 years and since 1960 has been one of four regional coordinators.

Southern Seminary Damage May Approach \$1 Million

LOUISVILLE (BP) — Preliminary estimates of tornado damage to property of Southern Baptist Theological Seminary here may approach the \$1 million mark, seminary officials report.

Damage to buildings is fully insured, but more than 300 trees on campus, felled by the twisters' fury, are uninsured. Re-landscaping efforts alone will exceed \$250,000 in cost, according to estimates. Original estimate of about 75 trees lost has swelled as the seminary continues cleanup operations. Many of the huge trees are 30 to 50 years old.

Although a spokesman said the 18 buildings on the campus sustained no permanent structural damage, as earlier reports had corroborated, Foster Hall, an apartment building for staff personnel, did suffer extensive wind and rain damage. The seminary evacuated nine of the 12 apartments in the building.

Almost every building on campus suffered some roofing loss. Three buildings — Mullins, Fuller and Williams Halls — lost cupolas from their roofs, seminary officials report, and Fuller Hall lost three of its four ornamental columns. Buildings on campus lost hundreds of window panes.

Classes, dismissed for a week following the April 3 disaster so that students could continue relief efforts in the stricken area, were to resume after spring recess on April 22.

Student relief centered not only around the campus but in devastated towns in Kentucky and Indiana.

Because two power substations were disabled near the campus, the seminary was without electricity and heat for more than a week, following the tornadoes which left a 10-mile gash in metropolitan Louisville, inflicting heavy damage in the Crescent Hill area just north of the seminary.

Both electricity and heat were still unavailable in 16 of the 18 buildings on the main campus three days before the scheduled spring recess, which was to begin on April 12.

Rigdon Says - - -

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explosion in adult education in the history of mankind."

Rigdon commended the Southern Baptist colleges and seminaries for performing a "monumental service in providing ministerial education." But he noted that "thousands of our finest pastors never will go to or go back to a college or seminary campus for further training. Southern Baptists must provide this vital training where the pastors are, on the church field."

Rigdon said Seminary Extension is helping to meet the need of training opportunities for college and non-college graduates on church fields through its network of more than 200 extension centers and the Seminary Extension Home Study Institute (or correspondence course study), but noted there is still a vast job to be done.

The naming of Seminary Extension representatives by 13 Baptist state conventions is a fairly new practice, and another positive step toward meeting training needs, Rigdon said.

"Fifty per cent of the men and women we are trying to reach are in these 13 states. For the first time, we have a definite plan for working with state conventions in helping to provide training for pastors."

The next step, he said, is to conduct individual conferences with the state representatives and to design and promote work in all 13 states.

Rigdon said the department is open to work with any state on appointment of a liaison person by the executive secretary of the individual Baptist state conventions. All of the current persons have dual roles with their respective conventions, he noted.

NYERI, Kenya — For the first time in the history of the Nyeri Baptist High School, all 36 students recently passed the East African Certificate Examination, a comprehensive exam given by the government. The test scores determine which students can continue their education. This is the school's fifth class to take the exam. R. Jay E. Stewart, Southern Baptist missionary, is headmaster.

Foreign Board Names 27; Lottie Moon Record Is Set

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ulates missionary motivation so that giving through the Cooperative Program (unified budget) throughout the year is strengthened."

W. O. Vaughn Jr., pastor of Little Rock's Immanuel Baptist Church, host church for the meeting here was elected president of the board. Vaughn has represented Arkansas Southern Baptists on the board for about 14 years.

Other officers elected were Robert B. Bass of Richmond, Va., first vice president; E. H. Westmoreland, retired pastor of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Tex., second vice president; and Mrs. Thomas C. Womble Jr. of Clemmons, N. C., recording secretary.

Elizabeth Minshew of the board's executive staff was reelected to the post of assistant recording secretary. The 27 new missionaries included 13 couples and one single person. They will serve in 13 different countries following a missionary orientation session.

Appointed as missionaries were Dr. and Mrs. Lee Baggett of Texas, to Mexico; Mr. and Mrs. Johnny J. Baker of Louisiana, to Brazil; Mr. and Mrs. G. Dean Dickens of Arkansas and Texas, to the Philippines; Mr. and Mrs. Ray W. Eitelman of Texas, to Upper Volta; Mr. and Mrs. W. R. (Bill) Gaddis Jr. of Texas and Oklahoma, to Indonesia; Mr. and Mrs. William Gopffarth of Texas, to the Philippines.

Also, Miss Vivian Hargrove of Missouri, to Togo; Mr. and Mrs. Tom R. Hayes of Louisiana and Oklahoma, to Lebanon; Mr. and Mrs. Ron E. Hill of Texas and Oklahoma, to Liberia; Mr. and Mrs. Gary W. McCoy of Missouri, to Korea; Mr. and Mrs. H. E. (Gene) Meacham of Kansas and Texas, to Malawi; and Mr. and Mrs. Van W. Williams III of Mississippi and Texas, to India.

Employed as missionary associates were Mr. and Mrs. Ralph W. Neighbour Jr. of Michigan and Minnesota, to Singapore; and Mr. and Mrs. Bob E. Simmons of Mississippi, to Hong Kong.

The record number approved for employment as missionary jour-

T. Luther Jones Named Chaplain Of Hospital In Miami

Rev. T. Luther Jones, native of Mississippi, has been named as chaplain of Jackson Memorial Hospital, Miami, Florida. He is the first full-time chaplain to serve officially on the staff of and be paid by the 1250-bed Jackson Memorial Hospital, which is the largest medical complex in South Florida, and one of the largest in the southeastern U.S.

Mr. Jones graduated from Mississippi College and Southwestern Seminary and did his clinical internship at the Institute of Religion of the Texas Medical Center and Baptist Memorial Hospital in Houston.

He was formerly pastor in Mississippi at Bethel (Jones); Bethesda and Unity (Union); and Center Hill (Monroe). He and his wife have two daughters.



'Reach-Out' Representatives Meet

A training session for associational 'Reach-Out' representatives from over the state was held recently in Jackson, under sponsorship of the Sunday School Department. Rev. Bryant Cummings, director. Photo above shows most of the group in the chapel of First Church. Second photo shows several leaders. From left: Rev. Ferrell Cork, pastor First Church, Aberdeen; Rev. Judd Allen, associate in department, who directed the meeting; Rev. David Mayhall, superintendent of missions, Washington Association; and Dr. Eugene Skelton, editor, general materials, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville.

neymen will enter training at Meredith College in Raleigh, N. C., in June. Upon completion of a seven-week training program, those commissioned by the board will serve two years overseas in a specific job assignment alongside career missionaries.

An additional \$10,000 appropriated for famine relief in West Africa brings the total amount sent by the board to that area to more than \$50,000. This total includes thousands of dollars channeled through the board to West Africa by individuals and churches.

Little Rock is the first Arkansas city to host such a meeting of the Foreign Mission Board. Usually meetings are held at the board's headquarters in Richmond, although they have been held at least once a year for the past five years in another location.

Purpose of the change in sites is to allow Baptists to participate more directly in the appointment of missionaries whom they support.

The board will hold its spring 1975 meeting in Columbia, S. C., April 7-9. Board members Robert L. Deneen and Ira Q. Craft issued the invitation on behalf of South Carolina Baptists.

The board voted to hold its spring 1976 meeting in Oklahoma City.

Among the 85 young adults approved for training as missionary journey-men by the Foreign Mission Board was one Mississippian, Connie Ellard Fleming, who will be employed as English teacher in Japan. She is now a senior at Mississippi State University, with a B. A. degree expected this spring. She is a graduate of Hinds Junior College and her home church is First, Aberdeen. She is daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William M. Ellard of Aberdeen.

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Aiken Church Feels - - -

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St. Angela is an old school, founded in 1900. It now has 275 students. Its fire-damaged buildings are being repaired for full use next fall. First Baptist Church in Aiken, with 1,900 members, has two educational buildings — two story and three story structures. The latter building is being used by St. Angela school.

John Roberts, editor of the Baptist Courier, Greenville, S. C., reported that there is "absolutely no proselytizing, of course, by either Baptist or Catholic. Nobody's witness is weakened. Conversely, both are made stronger."

"The Catholic school is very much Catholic, and the Baptist church is very much Baptist. Offering the building for use was simply a thoughtful and Christian thing to do in a time of need," Roberts said.

Sister Alice Joseph, co-principal of St. Angela school, said she regarded the offer of First Baptist Church's facilities as a wonderful gesture of Christian brotherhood.

Cate said he was glad the church could be of help, "cementing the community of love between Christians."

FENI, Bangladesh — Jason Das, the son of a former pastor, became the first person licensed to the ministry in the 80-year history of the Comilla Revival Baptist Church here.

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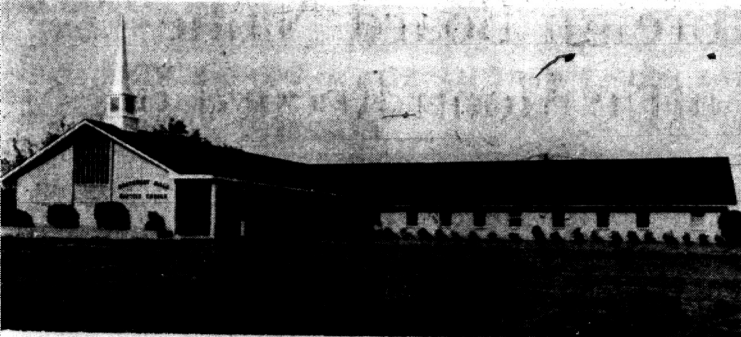
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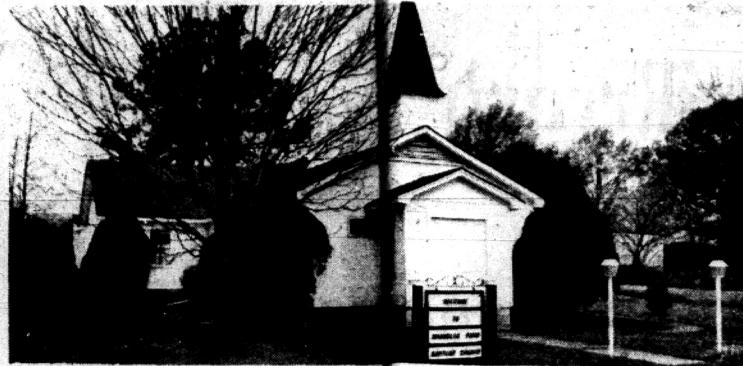
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Magnolia Park Baptist Church which recently was joined with the Northwest Hills Church.

Two Jackson Baptist Churches Merge

Two Baptist churches in Jackson have recently merged, the first such union in the Hinds-Madison Association, and the only one in Hinds County insofar as the memory of Rev. Fred Tarpley goes.

Mr. Tarpley is superintendent of missions of the association and assisted leaders of the two congregations in the merger.

The two churches joining together were the Northwest Hills Church and the Magnolia Park Church, with Northwest Hills to serve as the home of the two congregations that have united.

The two congregations met together officially for the first time on Sunday evening, Mar. 31.

The pastor of the Northwest Hills Church is Rev. James Morgan, who was pastor before the union.

Rev. Jasper Collins, formerly pastor of Magnolia Park Church, is associate pastor of Northwest Hills.

Northwest Hills Church is located

at 1931 Boling Street, and is approximately one mile from the Magnolia Park church.

Both Mr. Morgan and Mr. Collins said that the merger came about because of "changing conditions in the community."

Northwest Hills Church now has a total membership of 855, with 264 of these having been transferred from the rolls of Magnolia Park.

Northwest Hills Church was organized in 1945 as Elaine Baptist Church, located at Delta Drive and Ridgeway.

The congregation sold this property because many of its members were moving to other parts of the city, and relocated at its present site, according to the pastor. The president edifice was built in 1968.

The trustees of the merged church are, from Magnolia Park, Carroll Allen, Sam Bailey, Jack Spell, and from Northwest Hills, James Keen, Howard Garnett, B. J. Shows.



The passing of the records of Magnolia Park Church was one of the important factors in the merging of the two congregations. From left: Rev. Fred Tarpley, superintendent of missions of Hinds-Madison Association; Rev. James Morgan, pastor of Northwest Hills Church; Mrs. Billy D. Johns, clerk of Northwest Hills Church; Mrs. Willie Buffington, clerk of Magnolia Park Church; Rev. Jasper Collins, former pastor of Magnolia Park Church, who will be associate pastor of the merged church.

As FCC Member

Fundamentalists Launch Attack On Luther Holcomb

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fundamentalist clergymen. She observed that all of them were "white" and "male." She commented that they might be surprised sometime to learn that God might be "black" and "she."

Manuel D. Fierro, executive director of RAZA Association of Spanish Speaking Americans, Washington, D. C., charged that Holcomb in his work with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission lacked sensitivity to the Spanish-speaking community in this country. He stated that RAZA could not support Holcomb's nomination until a full investigation is conducted and all the facts about him are known.

On the second day of the hearing,

Revival Dates

First Church, Okolona: April 28-May 3; Dr. Levon Moore, pastor of First Church, Pontotoc, evangelist; Roddy Simmons, music director of Carriage Hills Church, Southaven, singer; Rev. Roy McHenry, pastor.

Holcomb said that his background as a Baptist minister, his devotion to the principle of separation of church and state and his record on the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission were assurances that he could and would exercise unbiased, unprejudiced and fair judgments as a member of the FCC.

The fundamentalists, nevertheless, persisted in their attack on Holcomb. McIntire sought, among other things, to tie Holcomb to the ecumenical movement by linking him with the Baptist World Alliance.

The charge went like this: McIntire produced a 1973 Southern Baptist Convention annual in which Hol-

comb is listed as an ordained minister. He then produced a National Council of Churches book in which the Baptist World Alliance is listed as a para-ecumenical body.

Since the Southern Baptist Convention is a chief supporter of the Baptist World Alliance, McIntire reasoned, and since Holcomb is listed as an ordained Southern Baptist minister, and since the Baptist World Alliance is listed in a National Council of Churches publication, therefore, Holcomb is undoubtedly affiliated with the ecumenical movement, a fact which McIntire believes should disqualify him from membership on the FCC.

The attack on Holcomb, apparent-

62 Summer Missionaries Will Go To 24 Countries

RICHMOND, Va. — Sixty-two college students will have the chance to share first-hand in Christian work around the world as they go as summer missionaries to 24 countries.

The students, jointly sponsored by the state Baptist Student Union and the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, met here recently to learn what to expect from their summer abroad.

Representing 53 colleges and professional schools in 20 states, the students were briefed on the country they would be working in and the jobs they would perform. They were given tips on dress, travel arrangements, culture, national etiquette and medical preparation.

The Texas Baptist Student Union, with nine students present, had the largest representation, with Georgia close behind with six and Mississippi and Louisiana following with five each.

The largest delegation will be going to Europe and the Middle East, but Jamaica, with eight students, is the single country which will host the most students.

Each state BSU pays the overseas travel expenses of the students it sends. The Baptist mission in the host country will provide food, lodging and work-related transportation. The student serves without salary.

The board receives job requests from the overseas missions and forwards these to National Student Ministries in Nashville, Tenn., which coordinates the requests, working with each state in assigning the specific job requests. The state BSUs are responsible for selecting students to fill the jobs.

The students had an opportunity to meet with either the board's area secretary in charge of the country where they will go or a representative of that area.

During the opening session, Baker J. Cauthen, board executive sec-

retary, welcomed the students and said that openness would be a factor in making the summer a success. He said they should be open to four things — the new and different, good counsel, opportunity and "that still small voice."

Family Life Enrichment Revival Series Scheduled

Dr. J. Clark Hensley, executive director, Christian Action Commission, is leading family life enrichment revivals in a number of churches throughout the month of June.

"The sessions are designed to help make good homes better and to strengthen the churches on the assumption that the spiritual temperature of the churches is controlled by thermostats in the homes of the members," Dr. Hensley stated.

The following schedule was announced by the Commission office: April 21-24, Kentwood, La., Rev. Ben Purvis, pastor; April 28 - May 1, Harrisburg, Tupelo, Dr. Bob Hamblin, pastor; May 5-8, First, Waynesboro, Rev. Brooks Barkley, pastor; May 12-15, Colonial Heights, Jackson, Dr. Brian Harbour, pastor; May 19-22, Washington Baptist Church, Adams County, Rev. Robert Jones, pastor; May 24 - 26, Handsboro Baptist Church, Dr. Wesley Ellis, pastor; June 23 - 26, New Hope, Monticello, Rev. Talmadge Smith, pastor.

Already this spring Dr. Hensley has participated in family life emphases in Lee County, DeSoto County, Decatur, and Highland, Meridian. Fall meetings are scheduled with Rocky Creek, Lucedale; North McComb; and Sylva in Copiah County.

Homecoming At Kreole Avenue

Kreole Avenue Church, Moss Point will observe Homecoming Day on Sunday, April 28.

Rev. Wilbur Hall, pastor, will bring the message at 11 a.m. Lunch will be served on the grounds.

Rev. Joe Blackwell, former pastor, will bring the message in the afternoon. Music will be under direction of Lamar Callahan, minister of music at Kreole.

All members, former members and pastors are invited.

Approved Music Workers Go "People-To-People"

The 1974 spring events for children's music leaders, sponsored by the Church Music Department, will feature two new ideas and services. Although planned with the children's choir in mind, this program will be of aid to any worker in Sunday School, Church Training, Mission Friends, or any other activity of which music is or could be a part. The locations will be Highland Church, Laurel, on April 30; First Church, Amory, and First Church, Lexington, on May 2. All three will begin at 6:30 p.m. and dismiss at 9 p.m.

All three conferences will have three phases. At the April 30 and May 2 meetings, approved workers from the Church Music Department will put specially written lesson plans and songs into the hands of every worker present, and then show them how to use them. Some of the "How-to's" will include "how to use a music activity," "how to teach a song" and "how to plan a choir rehearsal." Two follow-up dates are planned for all three areas. At this time,

workers will go into individual churches represented at the first conferences and work with children and

Sen. Hughes

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ple interested in politics to enter the field. "God could well be leading me out of the political structure at the same time He's leading someone else in."

"My decision to leave politics was based on the fact that there's something more important in this world, eternal life. I don't believe there is any death. I think man survives death and what we do here is the investment that counts then."

A former truck driver, Hughes is not a rich man. He says his future is uncertain but "my basic needs are not what I'm planning for the future. My retirement is eternity. God will provide for my family and me. I believe that all men and women can, and should, live by faith in these directions."

workers in these churches, giving more specific help in specific needs and offering training in the use of Baptist music periodicals.

In an effort to encourage attendance from area churches, a set of step bells will be given to the church at each clinic with the largest number of workers present. All persons interested are encouraged to attend the conference nearest them.

These events are being co-ordinated by Mrs. Nan Grantham, pre-school and children's choir consultant with the Church Music Department. She will be assisted by Mr. and Mrs. Derrell Billingsly, Kosciusko; Mrs. Lanelle Rihner, Mrs. Beverly Tharnes, Mrs. Beverly Mercier and Mrs. Sarah Talley, all of Jackson; Farley Earnest, Senatobia, and J. T. Hannaford of Moss Point.

April 30 — Highland Baptist Church — Laurel

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Williams

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to be assigned to India where he will work as a physician. Dr. Williams is currently a pediatrician with the United States Navy, stationed at Newport (R.I.) Naval Hospital. They are members of the Middletown (R.I.) Baptist Church.

He was born in Columbus, Miss., and lived in West Point, Miss., and Memphis, Tenn., before settling in Pontotoc, Miss. He was graduated from Mississippi College, with the bachelor of science degree in zoology and chemistry and from the University of Mississippi Medical Center, Jackson, with the doctor of medicine degree. Dr. Williams completed his pediatric internship and residency at University Hospital, Jackson.

While he was a medical student, the Williamses were Baptist Student Union summer missionaries in Rhodesia, an experience that influenced them to enter medical missions. He also had summer jobs as a laboratory and X-ray assistant in a Pontotoc hospital; assistant director of an education program in Tupelo, Miss.; and a nurse's aide at Mississippi Baptist Hospital, Jackson.

The former Sarah McGlamery, Mrs. Williams is the daughter of former Southern Baptist missionaries. She was born in Houston, Tex., and grew up in Lufkin, Texas, and Columbia, and Ripley, Miss. She was graduated from Mississippi College with the bachelor of music degree in piano and theory and the University of Mississippi, Oxford, with the master of music degree in piano. She also studied one summer at Peabody College, Nashville, Tenn.

While a student she was summer music director at Camp Garaywa in Clinton and a summer counselor at

Simmons

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pect to be assigned to Hong Kong where he will be pastor of an English-language congregation.

They are currently living in Meridian, Miss., where he has been pastor of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church since 1963.

A native of Mississippi, he was born in Leland and grew up in Clarksdale. He was graduated from Mississippi College, with the bachelor of arts degree in history and languages and from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with the bachelor of divinity and doctor of theology degrees.

His previous pastorates include Bluff Springs Church, Magnolia, Miss.; Mt. Zion Church, Mendenhall, Miss.; Severan Mission, Metairie, La.; Raymond (Miss.) Church; and Oak Forest Church, Jackson, Miss.

Mrs. Simmons, the former Mary Lou Johnson of Mississippi, was born in Henleyfield and lived in Bassfield, Lexington and Holly Springs. She attended Pearl River Junior College, Poplarville, and Mississippi College and was graduated from New Orleans seminary with the bachelor of religious education degree. She taught piano lessons in Jackson and Meridian for 15 years.

They have two grown children, Martha Ann (Mrs. Ronald) Gardner and Doug.

Camp Crestridge for Girls, Ridgecrest, N. C. She has also worked part time as a music store employee in Jackson and as a piano teacher at Mississippi College.

They have two daughters, Rebecca, born in 1960, and Lara, 1972.

CHRISTIAN HOME WEEK

May 5 - May 12, 1974

MOTHER'S DAY

May 12, 1974

The Convention sanctioned period of mission emphasis for the work of the Baptist Children's Village - The only appeal for financial support which we may make to churches.

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Cooperative Program	22%
Designated Gifts	
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Dress A Child At Easter	9%
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Investment Income	2%
Parental Support	7%

The Village Dollar How We Spent It

Children's food, clothing & home needs	36%
Education	7%
Utilities and maintenance	14%
Administration	16%
Social Service, medical & dental	10%
Capital outlays	10%
Contingencies	3%
Promotion & development	4%

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EDITORIAL

Sharing With Baptists In Montana

Montana is big and beautiful. It is aptly called the "Big Sky" country, for distances are great and the air is clear. Rugged mountains, broad valleys, rolling range, vast wheat fields, and winding rivers, characterize the land. More than three times the size of Mississippi, it still has only about one third the population.

Baptists have been in Montana for many years, but Southern Baptists for less than a quarter of a century. The first churches of our fellowship were formed there in the early 1950's. Growth has not been spectacular, but has been continuous, and today Southern Baptists are approaching a position of recognized spiritual impact and leadership in the state.

Over the past twenty years I have visited the state a number of times, and each time have come away rejoicing at how the Lord was using and blessing our churches. A visit in March, however, brought greater encouragement and joy than I ever have had before. This time, a conviction gripped my heart that a breakthrough has come that should bring unusual advance in Southern Baptist work in the state in the next few years.

Through almost all of these years of Southern Baptist work in Montana, there has been a close relationship with Mississippi Baptists. Today, the Mississippi Baptist convention budget includes an item of \$10,000 per year for the Northern Plains Baptist Convention, of which Montana churches are a part. Numerous churches and individuals in Mississippi have given financial support to churches there, and this continues today. Some Mississippi churches have adopted Montana churches as "sister" congregations, and are doing various things for the churches there. In several cases Mississippi churches have underwritten building loans for the small congregations up there, so that buildings could be erected.

The Pioneer Missions Committee of the convention board has for a number of years been sending student missionaries each summer, and also has been sending new suits as Christmas gifts for the pastors. Many Mississippi pastors have held meetings for the Montana churches, and a number of them have accepted calls to serve churches there. Many laymen and women have visited the state and served in various ways.

On March 22-23 I spoke three times at the meeting of the "Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship." Flying into Billings on Thursday afternoon, I visited the Emmanuel Church, where Dr. Curtis Ellis, former Mississippian, is pastor. Snow already was everywhere, but a blizzard came in during the night, and Friday morning saw several inches of fresh snow, and a temperature of 7 above. That morning I rode with Dr. and Mrs. Ellis over icy highways, the 130 miles to Lewistown in the middle of the state. Snow tires make a big difference in driving, so we had no problems.

Lewistown is a very lovely city in the midst of the ranch and wheat country, with mountains in every direction. The city lies in a beautiful valley, with some mountains close by. When we reached the Southern Baptist church on the western edge of the city, we found a splendid group assembling from all over the state. Ice and snow do not seem to keep Montanans from their meetings. The fellowship of the meeting was rich, and the spirit's presence and power was manifest. I was greatly impressed with the pastors and lay people who were present, and rejoiced in the reports which were made. God is blessing these churches today, and it appears that after twenty years of planting and building, we at last are seeing our Southern Baptist churches becoming an important factor in the religious life of the state, with their effectiveness growing with each

passing year. At this meeting, one heard not only of what is happening now, but also felt the excitement as future plans were projected. The churches are a part of the Northern Plains convention which includes the work in Montana, Wyoming and North and South Dakota, and under John Baker's leadership that convention is projecting continued advance. Montana churches want to be a vital part of it.

Among former Mississippians, or persons who had Mississippi connections such as college attendance, I saw Rev. Bob Maddux, Dr. and Mrs. Curtis Ellis, Rev. and Mrs. Ovis Fairley, Rev. J. W. Phillips Jr., Rev. Tom Hocutt (later I saw Mrs. Hocutt at their home) and Herb Warren. I am sure that there were others whose Mississippi connections I did not know, or had forgotten.

There is every indication that the next twenty years, which is about the length of time Southern Baptists have been active in Montana, will see their work becoming one of the strongest evangelical forces in the state. The present growth and projected plans indicate that, Mississippi Baptists have played a large part in past growth, and their support in the coming days still is needed. Most of these churches are weak, and even when they have become self-supporting, they usually already have launched new work in other areas, which also must have assistance if effective witness is to be given. Mississippi churches and Mississippian Baptists as individuals should continue to pray for, and give financial and other support to this sister state. As we do that we shall be helping build another Baptist empire, in a state which will continue to grow, and where spiritual need will continue to enlarge. Through the Pioneer Missions Committee, our churches and state Baptists should continue to undergird the ministry up there. (See photographs on page 5)

Cooperative Program Day

The Southern Baptist calendar has set next Sunday, April 21, as Cooperative Program Day. On this day, Southern Baptist churches are urged to remember this world mission budget program which has meant so much in Southern Baptist life for the past 49 years. We hope that some note of this will be taken in the churches, with a prayer for the program as it continues to be a mighty channel of Southern Baptist witness.

The Cooperative Program was born in 1925, when Southern Baptists were seeking a way of coordinating their whole program of missions, education and benevolence. Haphazard plans of the past had not provided the unity and the solidarity that was needed. Out of the experiences in the Seventy Five

Million Campaign (great mission program campaign of 1919 to 1924) in which proportionate shares were given to various agencies, and out of the plans already being used in some of the states, came the Cooperative Program. In it the convention determined all of the work which it would endeavor to do, set up a budget for the amount each participating agency and program would receive, and then made the total budget goal. That is basically what the Cooperative Program still is today, after almost fifty years. The fiftieth anniversary will be observed next year.

Through the Cooperative Program even the smallest church, and the Southern Baptist individual member who has only a tiny mite to give, can share in everything that the denomina-

tion is doing in the states, in the nation, and in the world.

Through the Cooperative Program a mighty denominational program has been formulated, great institutions have been established and undergirded, and the largest mission force in today's Christian world has been developed. Such a program should be recognized, should be an object of prayer and thanksgiving, and should receive ever enlarging support.

No one ever has claimed that the Cooperative Program is perfect for it is not, but it is the best plan that Southern Baptists have found for the support of their work. They believe that it is God given and God blessed as they use it for their work.

Let's all think about it, thank God for it, and pray for it next Sunday!

Calls For Day Of Prayer

A Congressional resolution has called for Tuesday, April 30, to be a national day of prayer. The Mississippi legislature passed a Concurrent Resolution calling for the same thing.

The North American Baptist Fellowship, a committee of the Baptist World Alliance, has called upon Baptists of the United States to observe Saturday, June 1, as a day of thanksgiving, penitence and prayer.

Such calls reveal that some Christians in America are becoming disturbed about conditions in our land, and realize that the answer to them is repentance and prayer.

One cannot forget the words of God to Solomon, on the occasion of the dedication of the temple, "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and

will heal their land." (2 Chron. 7:14) Our land does need healing now, and there is a God given way for receiving it. If Christians are ready to meet God's conditions, the needs of our land can be met.

Some of the leaders in Congress are Christian, and feel that the only answer to crisis situations confronting us, is through the avenue of prayer.

Perhaps they are thinking of that hour in the history of the young nation, when Benjamin Franklin is reported to have called leaders to prayer, with the reminder that surely such an event as the founding of a new nation must be of some concern to the creator of the universe. (This is not an exact quotation, but is something of what we remember Franklin as saying.)

We would say today that surely no nation can be confronted with such problems as America has today, and our heavenly Father not be concerned

about it, and ready to help. He has, however, as we have noted above, set the plan for receiving his blessing and deliverance. Are we ready to meet those conditions?

The Baptist call to prayer, is set for June 1, because that is the 200th anniversary of a prayer meeting held by the Virginia House of Burgesses, a meeting which has been called "a significant event in the prelude to American independence."

The proclamation from the Baptist group suggests "that each Baptist church in the United States arrange for observance of the day in such a way as best fits the situation."

However our churches and people may wish to respond to these calls to prayer, and whichever call they choose to answer, they should respond and every Baptist should be much in prayer for America right now.

Perhaps she never has needed it more!

NEW BOOKS

AMAZING GRACE by Anita Bryant (Spiral, Revell, pocket book paper, 126 pp., \$1.25) Report of a popular testimony by one of America's best known and beloved television and entertainment stars. Anita Bryant grew up in Oklahoma; was once a Miss America contestant, and now lives in Florida. She is an active Southern Baptist and a dedicated Christian witness. In her own personal manner she reveals in this book what Christ means in her own life.

AND THERE WILL BE FAMINES by Larry Ward (Regal, 113 pages, \$1.35) Hungry for the world today, and no man has seen more of it than Larry Ward, director of an organization dedicated to providing food for hungry people, in the name of Christ. This is a moving, startling, distressing story of what is going on in the world today, and the even worse conditions which threat-

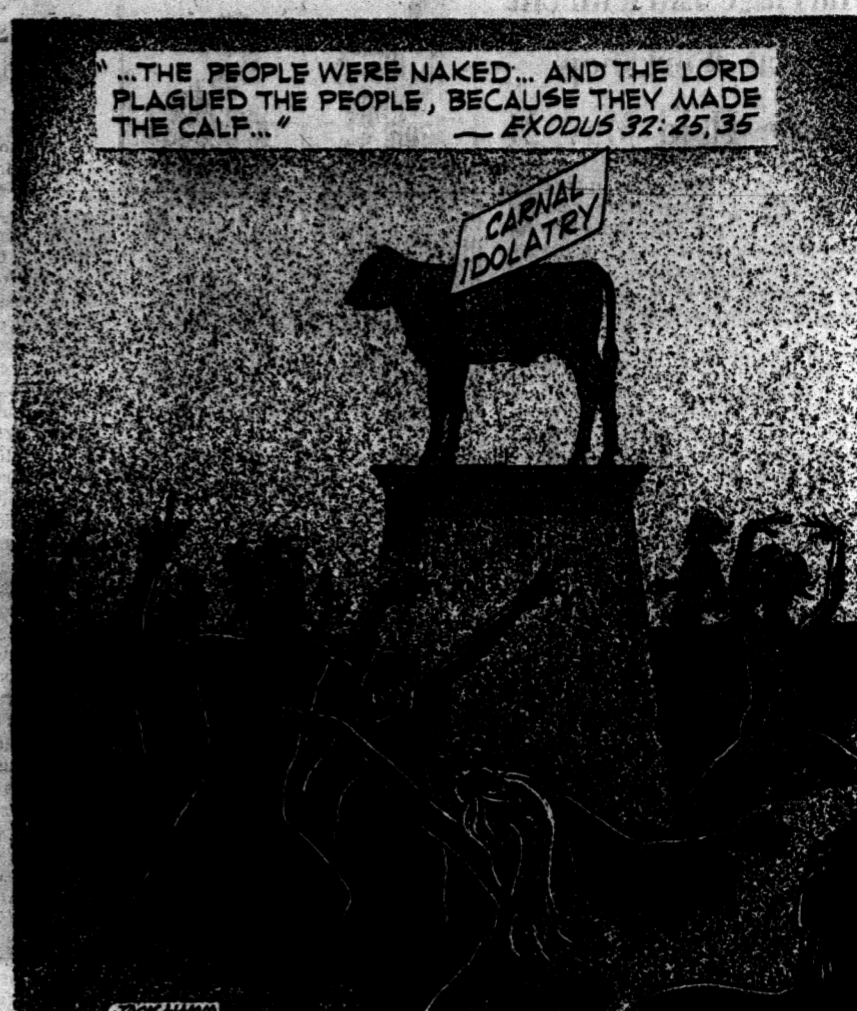
en us. One cannot read these pages without weeping, and without wanting to do something to help distressed multitudes.

MOUNTAINS OF SPICES — by Hannah Howard (Spiral, 228 pp., \$1.50) An allegorical comparison of the spices found in Canticles, and the fruits of the spirit.

COMMUNICATION: KEY TO YOUR MARRIAGE by H. Norman Wright (Regal, 124 pp., paper, \$1.25) Practical Biblical ways to improve communication and enrich your marriage. Through discussion, questionnaires, discussion suggestions, cartoon illustrations, and other means, the author presents a practical and helpful manual on marriage and marriage problems. This is not only a discussion manual but also a workbook. Following it, the reader will face and deal with his own problems.

GOD'S WAY TO KEEP A CHURCH GOING AND GROWING by Vergil Gerber (Regal, paper, 94 pp., \$1.45) A manual for evangelism, and church growth. Provides ideas for analyzing a church and its program, and projecting advance. Provides charts and records for actual records of church growth.

HELL ON EARTH by Bob Larson (Creation House, 267 pp., \$3.95) The subtitle is A sobering view of what Satan is up to. A study of Satanic activity today, from an Occult board and astrology to homosexuality, Satan worship, incense, fire walking, and even human sacrifice. The author, who is a preacher of the gospel, shows how these forces are at work today, but how that Christ is the answer to them all. The book is shocking as it reveals some of the things that are happening today. This book explains how serious is the Satanic activity right now.



SHADES OF AN EARLIER STREAKING

THE BAPTIST FORUM

You Can Block "The Exorcist"

Dear Editor:

William Friedkin, director of *The Exorcist*, the most controversial movie in many years, is quoted as having said, "...all over the country they're vomiting, fainting, going out on stretchers, really, when they see the movie and boy, I think that's great... you know, give the public what they deserve."

So much for the good intentions of the film's maker. The question bothering many Christian leaders is what can be done now. The answer is simple and encouraging: You can keep it out of your community.

Since the recent Supreme Court ruling giving the local community to set its own standards of decency, the local townspeople have had an adequate tool to protect themselves from indecent literature and movies. All it takes is united leadership and responsive elected officials.

Our church is in a middle-sized city with several theatres. As pastor of one of the larger churches, I determined to see if we could keep *The Exorcist* from our city. Two phone calls were placed: one to the management of a theatre to see if *The Exorcist* were scheduled for the future ("Oh yes, I can assure you it will be in our town, too, and we'll advertise it so everyone will have a chance to see it!"), and the second to our mayor, a Christian gentleman with conviction enough to do the right whether it be popular or unpopular.

The mayor gave an immediate assurance that he was familiar with the movie and shared my concern. He then gave instructions to the Chief of Police to the effect that the theatre management should be informed that under no circumstances would the movie be allowed to be shown here.

The management complained a good deal — after all, it's sure to be the biggest money-maker in years, and the name of the movie industry is profit. However, the chief stood firm and assured the owner that the citizens of this city would stand together to enforce this decision.

At this point, some weeks later, it now appears that the owner will not attempt to bring the movie into our city. While he has not guaranteed this, we believe we have a united community and all the legal machinery necessary to block it, if it should come to that. Hopefully, it won't.

In case one should ask why we are opposing the showing of this particular film, the answer is found in the vast numbers of severe emotional reactions the movie is causing (see paragraph 1). In addition to being historically and theologically warped, the movie is ethically empty and a vehicle of Satan (if you will allow me to be dogmatic). And, as a reviewer in *The National Observer* said, "It's not even good entertainment!"

Critics of our churches accuse us of opposing films depicting nudity and ignoring those which, while they do not deal with sex, are psychologically destructive and morally damaging. They may be right. Unless we take a stand now and keep such harmful pornography from our cities, the obvious question is, "What's next?"

Sincerely,

Name withheld by Request

Unusual Approach In Seeking Pastor

Dear Brother Odle:

Our church has been seeking a pastor for seven months. To this point traditional methods of seeking a pastor have provided a few well-qualified candidates for our consideration. Consequently we are using this letter to the editor to request recommendations from Southern Baptists who know of someone the Lord might lead to our church. We would also like to ask ministers who feel they might fill the needs of our church to apply by sending us a resume and a



Beyond the Ironing Board

Wilda Fancher

Kim was six, and she was sitting beside me. She wrinkled her nose and squenced her brown eyes, punched me, and grinningly said, "Do you want a kitten?"

"I do. But the rest of my family probably doesn't."

Silence.

In a few minutes she punched me again and said, "You have to talk with the rest of your family before you take a kitten, don't you?" shaking her head up and down as she said it.

I said, "Isn't that something — for a Mommy to have to talk with the rest of her family?"

Her brown eyes resumed their twinkling, her nose continued its wrinkling, while the rest of her face arranged itself into an understanding expression, letting me know that this particular way of grownups was not new to her because her Mommy sometimes had to talk to their family about things, too.

It didn't work out for me to take one of Kim's family's kittens. As a matter of fact, I didn't even bring the matter up with my family. I knew the result of a vote would be 4 to 1 against. Actually, it would have been 5 to 1 because Trixie, our dog, we had thirteen years, was in her eleventh year and had not developed any kind of rapport with cats. Trixie was almost like a member of the family and would have been the reason for the vote against the cat.

The experience caused me to consider how easily understanding comes to little children if they are given the chance. I wrote the experience down, briefly, and tucked it away in a file. Coming across it recently, I thought it should be shared with mothers (and fathers, and grandparents, and aunts and uncles) of the still very young.

It wasn't the fact that mothers need to consider their families in decisions that seemed important, but it was that little girl's understanding of the fact that was. —Box 9151, Jackson, Miss. 39206.

taped sermon.

La Porte, Indiana is twenty-five miles from South Bend, Ind., and seventy miles from Chicago, Ill. It has a population of twenty-two thousand and approximately half the population is unchurched.

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Marriage Enrichment Retreat Workshop To Be Held May 24

Couples who have participated in recent marriage enrichment retreats will attend a one day workshop at the Baptist Building May 24th, Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Executive Director of the Christian Action Commission, announced this week. Mr. Harold Bergen, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, will lead the workshop.

A prerequisite for participation is to have been in one or more of the retreats previously conducted by the Commission. Couples who are expected to attend are Dr. and Mrs. Fuller B. Saunders, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. John Lee Taylor, Grenada; Rev. and Mrs. Tommy Baddley, Brandon; ev. and Mrs. W. T. Dixon, Yazoo City; Rev. and Mrs. Larry Barlow; Bogue Chitto; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Montgomery, Gautier; Mr. and Mrs. John Ebarb, Southaven; Rev. and Mrs. Billy Johnson, Laurel; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Crosby, Magnolia; Rev. and Mrs. James Porch, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Granville Watson, Moorhead; Rev. and Mrs. Fred Fowler, Decatur; Rev. and Mrs. Dick Brogan, Clinton; Rev. and Mrs. Bill Smith, Nettleton; Rev. and Mrs. Odie Henderson, Merigold; Rev. and Mrs. L. D. Wall, Kosciusko; Rev. and Mrs. Eugene Roberts, Brookhaven; Rev. and Mrs. Lavon Hatten, Winona; Rev. and Mrs. Jim Nunnelee, Hattiesburg; and Rev. and Mrs. Terrell Sags, Columbia.

The purpose of the Marriage Enrichment Retreat is to strengthen good marriages, and presently the Christian Action Commission is accepting only professional church leaders to attend with the purpose of expanding the influence of the marriage enrichment concept by preparing these leaders to conduct retreats for lay people.

The next retreat will be held at the Grenada Holiday Inn on July 11 - 13 and will be limited to thirty - two couples. Mr. and Mrs. Bergen and Dr. and Mrs. Hensley will conduct the retreat. The schedule begins with Thursday night supper and adjourns at lunch on Saturday.

The cost is limited to food and lodging which is approximately \$80.00 per couple. Any pastor or church staff worker interested should contact the Christian Action Commission office.

Lay couples who are interested in marriage enrichment experiences are encouraged to contact Dr. Hensley also as schedules will be announced for laymen and wives sometime within the year.

The Convention President Speaks

These words are being written on Monday morning, April 8, in Tunica, Mississippi. I am here in a revival under some unusual, but challenging, circumstances. The good pastor, Bro. Pat Nowell, is ill. He is approaching the securing of his Th.D. Degree from New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary and had a detached retina. For approximately a month, he has been incapacitated and at this moment, it has not been my privilege to see him since my arrival. I plan to see him after the morning service today.

The other side of the coin is that my good friend, Bro. Frank Coker, is pinch - hitting. Bro. Coker has been a useful man in our state work for many years. Several years ago, he retired and moved to Tunica to be close to his daughter. Even though he is 82 years of age, he is still going strong, is mentally alert, and has a wonderful sense of humor. He tells me he hardly ever misses a Sunday in preaching. He has been serving the Dundee Church on an interim basis for a long time.

All of us need to pray for each other. Bro. Nowell really needs our prayers. So does Bro. Coker. No doubt, there are others in similar circumstances that I do not know about.

I am grateful to my Lord and to Broadmoor Baptist Church for an opportunity of this nature. By the way, you might be interested in knowing that my son - in - law and daughter are doing the music! They are second - year students at the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary in Louisville, Kentucky. — David Grant.

MC Choir To Present Spring Concert

Springtime will be greeted with a musical welcome in Clinton Thursday, April 18, as the Mississippi College Concert Choir gives its 15th annual Spring Concert in Province Chapel auditorium starting at 8 p.m.

The 52-member choir will be singing three major works which will include solos as well as piano, organ, string, brass and percussion accompaniment. The Choir is under the direction of Dr. Jack Lyall, chairman of the Division of Fine Arts.

One of the featured numbers will be



Old-Fashioned Day Part Of Pilgrimage In Columbus

On March 31, the first Sunday of The Pilgrimage in Columbus, First Church of that city emphasized their spiritual heritage, with an "Old-Fashioned Sunday."

They wore old-fashioned "Sunday-go-to-meeting" clothes to church. Also they displayed old pictures and old records. Even a few old cars.

Instead of 750 (the goal set) for Sunday school, there were 942 present. Dr. Joe N. McKeever, pastor, at left above, and Perry Robinson, right, minister of music, had promised to sing a duet if the goal were reached. — They performed as promised.

Besides the duet, the congregation heard double quartet singing, and sang old songs.

One the same day, the church called as minister of education Rev. Bill Hardy, minister of education and associate pastor at First, Kosciusko. He has accepted, effective May 1, (A larger story concerning this will be printed later.)

Devotional

Tell Me How To Die

By J. N. Triplett, Minister of Pastoral Care, First, Jackson

"If a man die, shall he live again?" (Job 14:14)

This is not a funeral message. Rather it is a story of real life. A few months ago a man learned that the malignancy in his body would cause his death within a few weeks. With remarkable composure he talked with his minister, telling of the serious condition. Then he asked, "How does a man die?" This question is not asked so often, except in time of war. The two men talked through the all-important, urgent matter.

The patient read the New Testament, discovering God's message of love, life, of judgment tempered with mercy. Conscious of what sin does, he was filled with joy, perhaps astonishment that eternal life in Christ is a gift.

Repeatedly he asked, "What must I do?" The instructions found in the Bible he followed. In an open manner he repented, having read Luke 13:3, "Except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish."

The words of Jesus recorded in John 14:6, "I am the way, the truth and life; no man cometh unto the Father, but by me," elicited the comment, "But I have been so mean." God's love for the world that caused Jesus to come to seek and to save the lost ones makes no mention of exceptions. John 3:16 and Luke 19:10 make this crystal clear.

Remembering the commitment of Thomas when that disciple was convinced of the resurrection, the minister asked, "Do you now receive Christ as the Lord of your life?" The affirmative answer was definite, confident.

The man's spiritual pilgrimage lasted only a few weeks. In that brief span of time he read the New Testament through three times, enjoying the company of the living Word.

"I am come that ye may have life, and have it more abundantly."



Bus Clinic April 23

367 Children Ride Nine Buses

To Immanuel Church, Columbus

On March 10, Immanuel Church, Columbus, (across from Leigh Mall) had a high attendance of 453 in Sunday school. That day the church held "PICTURE SUNDAY" as a promotional feature for its bus ministry, as well as celebrating the recent arrival of Rev. Jerry File as new pastor.

Pictured are the record - breaking 367 children who rode nine buses to church that Sunday. Barney Austin, bus director at Immanuel, has just surrendered to the full - time ministry of bus evangelism. He will enroll in bus directors school at Beth Haven Church, Louisville, Kentucky, this September.

"The Canticle of the Sun," a work of Mrs. B. H. A. Beach.

Miss Linda Forsyth, a senior piano major from Memphis, Tenn., is the piano accompanist for the Choir and Billy R. Trotter, assistant professor of music, will serve as organist.

The public is invited and no admission will be charged.

Moody Adams Crusade Opens April 28 At Forest Hill

Moody Adams, of Baton Rouge, La., will bring his evangelistic team to Jackson and Southwest Hinds County for an eight - day crusade April 28-May 5 at Forest Hill Stadium.

The crusade, sponsored by the Forest Hill chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes and 13 Southwest Jackson Southern Baptist churches, will feature Adams' issue - confronting preaching along with several special celebrity guest speakers.

Sponsoring churches are Alto Woods, Clinton Boulevard, Daniel, Forest Hill, Hillcrest, McDowell Road, Oak Forest, Parkhill, Southern Hills, Southside, Van Winkle, Westview, and Woodville Heights.

Adams, whose long list of evangelistic meetings includes crusades in Korea and Belfast, N. Ireland, has 24 area - wide crusades scheduled for this year.

A Clinton High School graduate who made his own profession of faith in a Billy Graham Crusade in Jackson 22 years ago, Adams is known for his encounters with atheism, witchcraft and drug users.

Adams also has written four books, the latest being "New Signs of the Second Coming." The most recent book relates Biblical prophecy to space travel, Women's Liberation, the Arab-Israeli war, the money crisis and population control.

In addition to messages by Adams each night, the crusade program will include appearances by five guest celebrities.

They include former Mississippi State University football star Tom Goode, and Mississippi businessman R. C. Bryan; World Yo-Yo Champion Bunny Martin; former Miss America contestant and talent competition winner Dulcie Scripture; and Florida contractor Joe Mosley.

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Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship



Central Baptist Church, Lewistown: Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship meeting was held here March 22-23.



Montana Southern Baptist pastors attending Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship, Lewistown, March 22-23: 1st row—Oliver Marston, Poplar; John Thomason, Trinity, Billings; L. J. Goodwin, Shelby; Roger Hill, Three Forks. 2nd row—Bob Carter, Glendive; Curtis Ellis, Immanuel, Billings; Gary Pearson, Townsend; 3rd row—Ovis Fairley, Highland, Great Falls; Glenn Field, Great Falls (Supt. of Missions); Eddie Neese, Lewistown; John Lane, Bozeman; 4th row—Tom Hocutt, Helena Valley; Wayne Wood, Whitehall; Bill Phillips, Missoula; Byron Banta, West Yellowstone; Bob Maddux, First, Great Falls; Robert Orr, Billings; Robert Moon, Harve.



Joe Odle, Baptist Record editor, and Herb Warren, layman from Billings, former Mississippian. Dr. Odle was one of the speakers at the recent Montana Southern Baptist Fellowship meeting.



Mrs. Curtis Ellis, Curtis Ellis and Ovis Fairley, now serving in Montana, are former Mississippians.

65-Plus Retreat At Garaywa May 13-15

If you are one of those ladies who is sixty five years old (or above!), you are invited to come to Camp Garaywa for a retreat especially for YOU.

May 13-15 is the time set for this special event. Highlights of the retreat will be Bible Study led by Dr. Bill Causey, Parkway Baptist Church, Jackson, as well as Moments of Meditation led by Miss Edwina Robinson, also of Jackson.

Some valuable information on How To Stay Well and Healthy will be given by Dr. David Van Landingham; and Mr. Horace Kerr will share information about services available

Ken Chafin In - Clinton This Week

One of the top pastors in the Southern Baptist Convention, Dr. Kenneth L. Chafin of South Main Church, Houston, Texas, is at Mississippi College today (Thursday, April 18) as guest lecturer in the Division of Religion Lecture Series.

Dr. Chafin will be visiting in various classes of the Division today after speaking in chapel ceremonies and visiting in classes on Wednesday. He was also the guest preacher at the Hour of Power service of First Baptist Church of Clinton last night.

Coordinator for the Division of Religion Lectureship Series has been Dr. W. W. Stevens, division chairman.

Endowed Scholarship Fund Established; Honors Francisco

LOUISVILLE, Ky. — Clyde T. Francisco, well-known professor of Old Testament at Southern Seminary, has been honored by an anonymous donor who contributed \$50,000 toward the establishment of a permanent endowed fund named for Francisco.

Income from the fund will provide assistance to master of divinity students, for non-Southern Baptists, and for students preparing for the preaching ministry. The initial contributor to the fund expressed the hope that others will join in adding to the Francisco Scholarship Fund so that more students may be helped.

Francisco, who joined Southern's faculty in 1948, is the John R. Sampey professor of Old Testament interpretation. He received national attention recently as the author of the revised Genesis commentary in the Broadman Bible Commentary series.

Contributions to the fund may be sent to the treasurer, 2825 Lexington Road, Louisville, Kentucky 40206. Gifts should be designated for the Francisco fund.

through the Council on Aging. Both men are from Jackson.

In connection with learning how to stay well and healthy, tips on buying groceries and preparing meals will be given. However, for those of you who don't stay well ALL the time, Mr. John Pate of the Social Security Office in Jackson, will be giving helpful advice on Social Security and Medicare benefits.

Miss Marjean Patterson, Executive Secretary of Mississippi WMU, will be explaining what the place of the senior citizen is in the work of Woman's Missionary Union.

One very special time during the retreat will be a Mini - Fair at which all those present will have opportunity to display items which they've made — from aprons to quilts. So ladies, be sure to gather up all your patterns for making items, your samples of cute ideas, or completed articles that you'd like to share with others who attend.

A period of instruction and demonstration in some of the popular crafts of today — such as decoupage and ceramics — will be of interest to all.

The retreat will begin on Monday afternoon with registration at 6 p.m. Supper will be served at 6:30 and the evening program will begin at 7:30. The retreat will conclude following the noon meal on Wednesday.

If you would like to come to this Retreat for 65-plus'ers, just send your name along with \$2 registration fee to: Miss Ethel McKeithen, P. O. Box 530, Jackson, Ms. 39205. The balance of \$8 will be paid during registration at Garaywa on Monday evening. Those who attend should bring sheets, pillow case, and towels. Blankets will be furnished at the camp.

For inspiration, information, fellowship, good food — and a time of sharing ideas and friendships, plan now to attend this special retreat at Garaywa, May 13-15.



Mississippi Dinner At N. O. On April 23

Plans have been finalized for the annual Mississippi Club dinner on the campus of New Orleans Seminary April 23 at 7 p.m. Dr. Earl Kelly, executive secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, will be present at the dinner, which is sponsored by the MBC. Dr. Joe Odle, Editor of the Baptist Record, and W. R. Roberts, Annuity Board representative in Mississippi, also are expected. Here, officers of the seminary Mississippi Club meet with their sponsor, Dr. Russell M. McIntire, (center), Director of Development at NOBTS. Left to right are Jimmy Furr, Tunica, publicity chairman; Robert Hill of Eupora, secretary-treasurer; Dr. McIntire; Tom McCarty of Gloster, president; David Fox of Tupelo, vice-president; and Dianne Shirah, secretary to Dr. McIntire.

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Broadmoor Youths Write Book On Basic Doctrines

In The Clarion - Ledger, Jackson Daily News

It's not often high school seniors have a chance to make a lasting contribution to their fellow men at such an early age.

But the members of the high school senior Sunday school department of Jackson's Broadmoor Church are making just such a contribution this year.

The 50-member group has worked almost six months on the project which, as far as they know, is the first such undertaking by any teenage group within the Mississippi Baptist Convention or within the 13-million member Southern Baptist Convention.

The project is a book—a handbook of basic Christian doctrines written for teenagers of today and tomorrow.

The Broadmoor seniors—coming from eight high schools within the Jackson area—undertook the project as a means of sharing their convictions about Christianity with other teenagers.

The introductory pages of the 80-page book make this statement:

"Christ's declaration that 'Ye are the light of the world' applies to all His followers, regardless of time, age, or station in life. If we are to be faithful to Him we are to share this light."

"This publication, then, is in response to Christ's command. What better way for a group of Christian high school seniors to share their knowledge of God and their acceptance of Christ as savior than through the written word?"

The Broadmoor seniors adopted the project in late September when they

were issued a challenge that their work could be "the most significant project ever undertaken by a group of seniors, the first such effort ever made by young people in the Mississippi Baptist Convention, the first such work undertaken in the Southern Baptist Convention, a project which could make a permanent contribution to Broadmoor Baptist Church and one which could lead young children, teenagers, and even adults to the Christian faith today, tomorrow, or five, ten or 30 years from now."

The challenge was issued by the group's director, Bob Pittman.

As a group, the seniors selected six basic doctrinal areas in which to work and write. The six, which make up the six chapters of the book, are the Bible, God, Jesus Christ, the Holy Spirit, the Church and Salvation.

Department members were divided into six research teams, with a student named team leader for each subject area. Team members came from these high schools: Callaway, Council Manhattan, Council No. 7, Madison Ridgeland Academy, Murrah, Jackson Prep, St. Andrews and the Mississippi School for the Blind.

Team leaders include Becky Bateman of the Chargees at Callaway; Lillian Puckett, a top student at Council Manhattan; Patty Vaughn, an outstanding senior from Prep; Carver Brown, a student leader from Prep; Skip Mathews, captain of the band at Prep; and George Pearson of Prep, a national Merit semifinalist.

Faculty members within the department were assigned as research advisors. They include Mrs. Arnold Hammond; Mrs. Bob Pittman, housewives and long-time teachers in the department; Kerry Grantham and

Ed Hamilton, both Jackson insurance executives; Charles Mayfield, a Jackson attorney; Everett McLelland, a utility company executive; and Clyde Williams, a staff member of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

Also called upon for research assistance was Mrs. Eloise Abercrombie, librarian at Broadmoor.

The students spent some six weeks on Sunday mornings, Sunday nights and weekday evenings completing necessary research and writing. Each member of the department received a research assignment and contributed to the writing of the book.

Team leaders prepared the first draft of each of the chapters, and faculty members assisted in the final draft. The church pastor, Dr. David Grant, and others have reviewed the work for doctrinal accuracy.

Covered in the various chapters are such subjects as the miracles leading to the writing and preservation of the Bible, science and God, the ministry and miracles of Jesus, the Holy Spirit in the Old Testament and the New Testament, the historical growth of the Christian church, the definition of sin and God's gift of salvation.

"Writing of the book was a learning experience," the department director emphasized. "A major purpose of the publication was the challenge to our seniors to find truth for themselves—to ground them, through their own work, in fundamental Christian beliefs."

"We were pleased," Pittman said, "to find a project which could instruct our students today and instruct those who might read the book later."

The book is being printed now and will be offered for sale later in April.

Jeff Davis Youth To Present "Celebrate Life"

The public is invited to attend the presentation of the musical, "CELEBRATE LIFE," by the youth of Jefferson Davis County Association. This event will be held at the Jefferson Davis County Lake on May 25, at 8 p.m. It will involve the voices of 100 young people, and will be a Christian witness to all attending.

Kayron Berry is chairman of the Special Arrangements Committee.



BAPTIST MUSICIAN—Jim Van Hemert, minister of music for First Baptist Church, El Paso, Tex., is "up to his ears" in music planning for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference to be held in Portland, Ore., July 31-Aug. 4, 1974. VanHemert is music coordinator for the Baptist World Alliance—sponsored event, which will feature musicians, solo and groups, from all the major areas of the world. He has compiled a songbook of Christian music sung by young people from around the world. (BWA) Photo

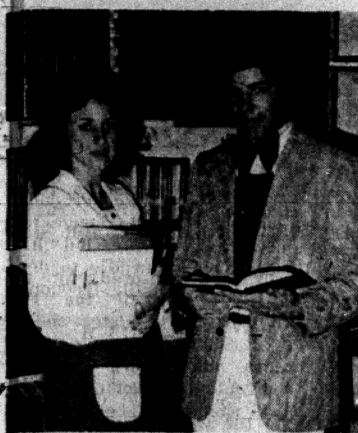
'All God's Children' Sing In Tennessee

All God's Children, a group of nine young girls from Iuka Church, Rev. Charles Dampier, pastor, enjoyed a Mini-Tour recently, singing and witnessing.

The girls traveled to First Church Pulaski, Tenn.; First Church and Fairview Church in Lebanon, Tenn. There were six professions of faith and many rededications made after these girls sang and gave their testimonies. Upon returning home the girls gave a Homecoming Concert at Iuka with many more decisions being made.

The girls, Cindy King, Pam Gann, Janice Letson, Julie Long, Marsha Dampier, Susan King, Rebekah Young, Vicki Dooley and Diana Barber, traveled with Jesus Swimmer and his wife Betty on this tour. Mrs. Debbie Hardwick, director and pianist, and Denise Kirk, assistant director, also enjoyed the trip. On the return trip home, the group visited many places in Nashville, including the Baptist Book Store.

Iuka has nine individual singing groups of boys and girls along with a 50-voice youth choir, The Iuka Singers. All these are under the direction of Mr. Swimmer, minister of music and youth.



Team members, Sharon Young and Craig Lott.

Any profits made, the director said, will be channeled into Baptist mission programs, either at Broadmoor or through the Baptist convention. The students are in the process now of determining where any profits will be placed.

The book has been titled, "Speak Out, Seniors."

The title is derived from occasional "Speak Out, Senior" discussions held within the department on Sunday mornings, when faculty and students discuss issues of religion and of the spirit. Each chapter of the book concludes with statements of convictions of the seniors.

Art work for the publication was prepared by Broadmoor member Jerry White, principal at Jackson Prep Junior High and an art instructor.

Pittman said the book may be used for youth Sunday school classes, youth retreats, church study courses, or just for instructional reading.

Purchase price will be \$2.00 and orders may be placed with Broadmoor Baptist Church.



Standing, left to right, are Charles Mayfield, Everitt McLelland, and Clyde Williams, department workers who were research advisors. Seated are Al Horton and Phyllis Herrington, team members.

Youths' Favorite Hymns In BWA-Conference Book

Portland, Ore. (BWA)—Whatever the world region, much of the youthful rock element... a strong western influence," says Jim Van Hemert, music coordinator for the 8th Baptist Youth World Conference, scheduled here, July 31-Aug. 4, 1974.

VanHemert, minister of music for First Baptist Church in El Paso, Tex., has compiled a songbook of 60 hymns from around the world for use at the Baptist World Alliance (BWA)—sponsored youth event, the first time it has been held in the United States.

"All of the hymns will have an English translation but will have a verse in the original language too," VanHemert said.

He added, "The book is very representative, but the most startling thing is the diversity of music the young people around the world are singing."

"From India, for example, we just got a list of songs. They are just now beginning to learn and appreciate How Great Thou Art, and Come Thou Almighty King, and Rock of Ages, was what the writer told us," VanHemert explained.

"Many of the songs have an awareness of ecology... of beauty... of God's world," Van Hemert noted.

Among the most beautiful hymns received for the conference songbook are two from Vietnam, he said. "I thought it was very significant to have received these," VanHemert noted.

Yale Street Boys Hike For Missions



The Royal Ambassador Chapter of Yale Street Church, Cleveland, recently participated in a hike for home missions. Ten boys and two leaders hiked twelve miles for a total of 144 miles. Members of the church agreed to donate a specified amount to home missions for each mile walked. Over \$100 was donated to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering through this effort. Counselors walking with the boys were Charles Weeks and Truitt Hobby. Rev. Bobby Walton is pastor.

Today's Youth Powerline Gets 24,500 Letters In One Month

Would you believe nearly 24,500 letters in one month (February, 1974) from people listening to just one half-hour weekly radio program—and a religious one at that?

It's true and, yes, that number is indeed an all-time monthly high from "Powerline" listeners since the program originated five years ago.

The 24,500 February letters included more than 925 cries for help from people whose problems ranged from serious to critical.

"Powerline," produced by Baptists through their Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission has, in five scant years, become the Commission's fastest-growing program. Dr. Paul M. Stevens, Commission president, wanted the show to be aimed at young people, and it is. The show combines top of the chart music with carefully selected religious messages. Listeners are invited to write for free program materials and answers and solutions to personal problems.

The previous largest response for "Powerline" mail was November, 1972, when 8,322 listeners asked for the free offers made on the air. Out of that figure there were 371 letters requiring personal counseling. In that month, the program was carried on 707 radio stations across the country.

In January, 1974, "Powerline" was being carried on 755 radio stations. The Commission staffers were warned

of the deluge that would appear a month later when the mailmen brought in 12,175 January responses to the show. Out of that more than 12,000 letters, 682 people asked for personal help.

"But nothing really prepared us for February," said Don Hull, the Commission's vice president, program response.

"There may be two reasons for this phenomenal February response. First, February was the month in which 'Powerline' observed its fifth anniversary on the air with some really nice offers—a free 45 rpm record featuring the Joshua Singing group and a commemorative iron-on patch. Those two reasons can combine for some heavy response mail."

Iron-on patches are particularly popular with young people now. The "Powerline" offer features a whale on a blue background with Bible reference to Job.

And a third reason for the mail increase, perhaps, may be the splendid new time slot that Chicago's WLS Radio has provided for "Powerline"—10 p.m., Sunday evening. WLS is a 50,000 watt clear channel station that, at times, booms into nearly 45 states.

"Some of the best estimates indicate that it takes 3,000 listeners to produce one written response," said Hull. "In that case, you would estimate that more than 70,000,000 people heard 'Powerline' at one time or another during February."

Or, you could break it down by the four and one-third figure you use to divide the weeks and estimate that some 17,000,000 people heard the show each week."

Hull said "Powerline" listeners range in age from "as young as nine-years-old to as young as ninety-years-old."

And he said the Radio-TV Commission isn't just playing "the numbers game with figures."

"The reason the Commission wants heavy response from 'Powerline' is because, regardless of how deeply motivated the writer may, or may not be, larger response means more people hearing about Jesus," he said.

Hull said that each person writing for a free offer receives that offer, plus a brochure containing information about how to become a Christian. The brochure contains a coupon to let the Commission know of their decision.

"Then we follow up again with a

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75-Foot-Wide Banana Split Effective In '72

Pastor Promotes Attendance Through 300-Pound Popsicles

LAKEWOOD, Colo. (RNS)—Rev. Ed Courtney of Westland Baptist Church is at it again. He gave away three 300-pound popsicles to teenagers who brought the most visitors to Sunday School and Sunday services.

Each popsicle required 75 packages of drink mix, and the sticks were six feet long and made of 1 by 6 lumber. They were created for the minister by the Colorado and Cold Storage Co. of Denver.

Biggest winner was the youngster who brought 12 friends—and he and

his friend hauled off their share of the popsicle, in 20-pound chunks, in wagons. The pastor, who has won the nickname of "The Baptist Barnum" here, said the other winners had their popsicles delivered by truck.

This marks the second time Mr. Courtney has given away giant popsicles to promote church interest through children's promotions. The first came when he was youth director of Temple Baptist Church in Albuquerque, N. M., in 1971. And in 1972, he gave away a 75-foot-wide banana split.

The current giveaway proved so successful, the pastor is thinking of creating another banana split.

"It's just part of our attendance drive," he says. "I've done a lot of promotion work. We live in an age when we have to get people's attention to attract them to come to church."

God's Love

God's love is precious and divine
It satisfies this soul of mine.
If I feel lonely He supplies;
On His word my heart relies.
His love flows through my soul to give
To others, while on earth I live.
—Mary D. Wingo



Seven members of Dixie Church and their Acteen leader, Mrs. Molly Spiers, recently visited Carey College. The girls, all members of the church's missionary organization for teenagers, were interested in exploring the opportunities of a Baptist college. They toured the campus and met students and faculty. They are shown looking over promotional materials. Left to right: Penny Spiers, Paula Spiers, Linda Clark, Pam McCarty, Mrs. Spiers, Deirdre Penny, Paula Spiers and Virginia Downs.

The Spirit Transcends Established Traditions

Acts 11:1-18; 15: 1-35

By Clifton J. Allen

The Christian faith had its roots in Judaism, but it would not be contained in Judaism. The early believers, at first all Jews, found it exceedingly difficult to overcome their traditional concepts about the law and to grasp the spiritual nature of the gospel and its universal outreach toward all people.

Antioch in Syria became the new base for the evangelization of the Gentiles. But people from Jerusalem came even to Antioch to contend for their traditional views about the nature of the gospel. The question was: Was it necessary for the Gentiles to submit to the rite of circumcision in order to become Christians? The issue was fortunately resolved through

much discussion and the leadership of the Holy Spirit, so that a letter of goodwill and admonition was sent from the Jerusalem church to the Gentile converts in Antioch and in Asia Minor.

The Lesson Explained

CRISIS IN ANTIOCH (vv. 1-2)

Paul and Barnabas, having returned to Antioch, told of how God had opened the door of faith to the Gentiles. Immediately they were confronted by a Jewish party among the Christians contending that Gentile converts must observe the rites of Judaism. Paul and Barnabas resisted the efforts to force Jewish legalism on Gentile believers, which really meant substituting religious works for divine grace, really denying the sufficiency of faith as a means of salvation. It was decided that Paul and Barnabas and some other persons would go to Jerusalem to talk the matter over with the apostles and el-

ders there. This was a wise decision. Paul was willing to go, to strive to achieve unity and harmony, but he went with unswerving purpose to defend the position of Gentile freedom and of spiritual salvation.

DISCUSSION IN JERUSALEM

(vv. 3-12)

En route to Jerusalem, Paul and Barnabas reported to Christian groups along the way the conversion of the Gentiles which had taken place in connection with the previous missionary tour, and this gave great joy to the brethren. When the delegation reached Jerusalem, the whole church met to hear the glowing report of the missionaries. Certain Jewish Christians, who had belonged to the sect of the Pharisees, rose up in the open meeting and insisted that the Gentiles ought to be circumcised and required to keep the law of Moses. From verse 6 it seems that the church meeting was adjourned and that

the apostles and elders met in a private conference to think through the problem and come to an agreement. From Paul's own report, found in Galatians 2:2-10, almost certainly a reference to the conference in Jerusalem in spite of significant differences, we learn that the contention was severe. Paul finally won his point.

When the church reassembled, there was "much disputing" — free opportunity was given for discussion. Then Peter made an address. He showed that God had made no distinction between Jewish and Gentile believers, giving the Holy Spirit to all alike and purifying the hearts of all alike by faith. Peter warned against tempting God — really opposing God — by trying to put a yoke on the disciples which they would not be able to bear. Peter declared that salvation could come only through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, Paul and Barnabas related signs and

wonders which God had wrought through them in the confirmation of the gospel preached to the Gentiles.

LIBERTY FOR GENTILES

The outcome of the discussion by the Jerusalem church is recorded in verses 13-29. James, a half-brother of Jesus and now a recognized leader in the Jerusalem church, concluded the discussion with persuasive argument and a suggestion as to a course of action. He proposed that they not

trouble the Gentile Christians by any suggestion about the rites of Judaism, but instead send a letter to them to exhort them to abstain from grossly sinful practices and from other things especially objectionable to Jewish feeling. Very likely James had in mind ceremonial matters chiefly, through his words could apply to idolatry, fornication, and murder. James's suggestion received the support of the whole church. It was agreed that Judas and Silas should accompany Paul and Barnabas and transmit the letter to the Gentile churches.

Sunday School Lesson: Life and Work

Created Male And Female

Gen. 1:26-31; 2:18-25; Matthew 19:3-12

By Bill Duncan

This is the first of four studies on "Person and Family." Some people will be turned on by these studies because they are so needed in our area. Others will see that they deal with marriage, family and refuse to deal with the real problems. Do not close your mind to the first study because it deals with sex. Sex is a household word that you do not have to blush when you say it.



One morning my wife overheard this conversation in the bathroom between our four year old and our first grader while they were brushing their teeth. The four year old asked, "Mark, what is sex?" Their mother strained to hear what the answer was going to be to that question. The first grader speaking like a big brother said, "Oh, David that means whether you are a boy or a girl." To that the four year old said, "Oh!" Mother was relieved.

"Sex, coozes out the pores of our culture." It has become a goddess which millions worship like in the days of ancient Greece. At every turn in our society the advertisers through billboards, and film portray sex as the element that provides everything that is meaningful for life in the 70's.

Even though the form is different, such sexual obsessions has marked the decaying cultures of the past. We have in our society everything from the Playboy philosophy which supports sexual freedom to theologians who advocate a new morality which has no morals. Some would have us believe that there is no absolute right or wrong.

These philosophies are all around us and they are causing us great hardships in marriages. When one thinks about himself and his mate in marriage is the foundation on which the marriage is based. You and I need to thank God that He has made us both male and female, and "He saw it was good."

GOD CREATED MAN IN HIS IMAGE

Man is clearly the highest and best of creation. The human body was so designed by God that it still seems unbelievable as compared to modern devices.

They say no two people in the world are alike. Most of us do have two eyes, one nose, a specified number of teeth, five fingers and other things in common. Yet this is true if you take into account all that goes into making an individual. Heredity and environment play an important part. There are some distinct differences between men and women just because that's how they were created in the first place.

Male and female are both made in the image of God but that is where most of the similarity stops. Those of us who work close with both sexes have found this out the hard way. Men are likely to be objective and abstract. Women are generally subjective and

concrete. Men take things in an impersonal manner more than women. Many a preacher has stripped some very important cogs in the machinery before he caught on to the difference. Happy marriages and other relationships depend on making allowances for these essential variances. You can learn to appreciate such things and let them compliment each other in a union.

Many marriages never got off the launching pad because the husband and wife never faced the natural biological differences between male and female. Let us look at one important fact in the way God has made male and female. Sex probably has deeper meaning to the woman than the man. Man's seeming obsession with sex does not prove that it means more to the male than the female. His sex drive is more of a surface physical thing. The woman's is much deeper. It just seems that men need sex more often than women.

"AND THEY SHALL BE ONE FLESH."

What is the relationship between male and female? For many years, I have quoted Dr. John B. Sampley's statement about relationships in marriage because it meant much to me when I first heard it in our wedding service.

"She was not made out of his head to rule him, Nor out of his feet to be trampled on by him

but out of his side to be equal to him Under his arm to be protected by him and

Near his heart to be loved by him." The purpose of God making man was for His fellowship. God saw man in need of another kind of fellowship and so He made woman. "It is not good that man should be alone," God realized that it was not best for man to be alone so He made a companion, friend of equal status of the opposite sex. Their differences compliment each other so that sex was given to man both for procreation and the fulfillment of personhood.

When two persons become "one flesh," this means that an inner union has taken place which affects the whole being of both. This is only possible when there is a sense of humility and honesty. What goes on between you and your wife is one of God's precious gifts to His own. The best way to insure that the relationship can be "one flesh" is to remember that life is not a duel. It is a trinity. You are really having a relationship with a wise creator who made your bodies different for His purposes. This is God's love you are sharing and this is what makes sex beautiful, holy and sacred. When the marriage reaches its best relationship, it bursts in heavenly raptures you never knew were hidden within.

JESUS AND MARRIAGE

Anyone who reads the New Testament will see that Jesus held a high

ideal of marriage, but He was practical. It is no doubt that Jesus condemned divorce because of what it did to both parties. As you and I have seen, divorce constitutes a betrayal of trust and destroys a vital relationship that had become an integral part of one's being. Divorce is wrong when it is used as a means to violate the personhood of a partner or to show selfishness. But it is not "the unpardonable sin."

Jesus' strong defense of permanent monogamous marriage shows how He differed from ascetic Christianity which treats marriage as a state inferior to celibacy and permitted it as a remedy for sin. However, Jesus makes it very clear, by personal example and teaching, that a man must never allow his family to become the supreme object of his loyalty and devotion. He realized the inevitability of division within a family over the ultimate issues of life. Read Matthew 10:34. Jesus was well aware of separation, suffering and sacrifice that these demands would cause in seeking "first the Kingdom of God." Sexual love and family love are not negated but fulfilled when they are taken up into the life of Christian love. The spiritual life of love for God first transforms rather than destroys our natural affections.

From what Matthew 19:10-12 says there are some males and females that should not marry or need not marry. But these are not superior Christians because he or she does not marry. A person who is not knowing a rich realization of life's meaning and joy, without marriage

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Immanuel Church, Magnolia: June 23-28; Services at 7 p.m.; Rev. J. Paul Dristol of New Orleans, La., evangelist; Rev. Francis Gehring, pastor; Rev. Davis Berryhill, assistant pastor.

Forest Church: April 21-26; Dr. Robert Marsh, pastor, First Church, Dothan, Alabama, evangelist; David Doty, minister of music at First, Texarkana, Texas, singer; services at 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Rev. Clyde B. Little, pastor.

Liberty Church, Liberty: youth-led revival; April 28-May 1; Sunday services at 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; services Monday through Wednesday at 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Ronald Kirkland, pastor, Bridgeton Church, Metairie, Louisiana, evangelist; music under direction of Bell and Karen Webber, minister of music and youth of North McComb Church; Youth Rally, Saturday, April 27, 7:30 p.m.; Rev. John E. Watts, pastor.

Griffith Memorial, Jackson: April 21-26; Sunday 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. week-day services 7 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Dr. E. N. Wilkinson, evangelist; Jim Summers, music; Rev. Wilson Winstead, pastor.

West Side, Macon: April 19 - 21; youth-led revival; services at 7:30 p.m.; Sundays 11 a.m. and 7 p.m.; Clarke College evangelistic team in charge; Rev. Gary Dennis, Opelika, Ala., evangelist; Debbie Roy, Paxton, Ill., playing the accordion; Melany Bingham, Jackson, pianist; Thomas Peoples, Jackson, music director; Rev. Kenneth Overby, pastor.

McAdams Church: April 26, 27, 28; youth-led revival; Rev. Tom McLaughlin, evangelist; services at 7:30 p.m. on Fri. and Sat.; Sunday services at 11 and 7.

Clarkson (Zion): April 21 - 26; Sunday evening service at 6 p.m.; other services at 10:30 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. David Kendall, pastor, North Calvary, Philadelphia, evangelist; Rev. Jeff Glider, pastor.

Mt. Zion Church (Simpson): April 21-26; Rev. George Johnson, Jr., pastor Longview Church, Pontotoc, evangelist; Mitchell Roberts, singer; weekday services 7:30 p.m.; dinner on the grounds Sunday with afternoon services at 1:30; Rev. Ben Carlisle, pastor.

Arrowood Church, Meridian: spring revival; April 26-28; Rev. Rush Gunn, pastor, evangelist; Richard Edwards, music director, leading singing; Friday and Saturday services, 7:30 p.m.; Sunday, regular hours.

Zion Hill, Amite County, (Mississippi Association): April 19, 20, 21; Rev. Chris Osborne, evangelist; Walter C. Wexler, singer; Martha Jean Murray, pianist; all three students at Mississippi College; Friday and Saturday services at 7:30 p.m.; regular time on Sunday; Rev. Ray Harrison, pastor.

Hanging Moss Church, Jackson: April 21-26; Sunday service 10:45 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.; services during the week 10:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.; Rev. Howard Benton, pastor of Eastside Church, Pearl, evangelist; Mike Rogers, Pearson Church, Pearl, directing music; Dr. Robert Perry, pastor.

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REVIVAL RESULTS

Hickory Grove, Rt. 2, Sumrall: March 24-29; Rev. Odell Tebo, pastor; Rev. Ronnie Jones, Ludlow, evangelist; Glenn Patterson, music director; two professions of faith; 16 rededications.

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Carey Appoints Athletic Director

William Carey College's newly appointed Acting Athletic Director, Dr. Benjamin Waddle, left seated, and John Stephenson, head coach of both the baseball and basketball program of the school, seated right, pose with other Carey officials during yesterday's announcement session. Rear, from left: Dr. Ralph Noonkester, president of the college; Dr. Frank Pinkerton, tennis coach (and assistant professor of chemistry); and Dr. Milton Wheeler, president of the Southern States Athletic Conference and Carey history professor. Dr. Waddle's appointment becomes effective September 1. He will continue in the capacity of chairman of the department of physical education. Stephenson, who is already head baseball coach, was named to the position as head basketball coach as well.

Calvary, Tupelo Ordains "Favorite Son," Okla. Pastor

On March 24, Edwin J. Deuschle was ordained to the ministry, by Calvary Church, Tupelo. Enrolled at Southwestern Seminary, he will graduate in May with the Master of Divinity degree. After graduation he will assume full responsibilities as pastor of Eastside Church, Marietta, Okla. He is married to the former Rita Fraiser of Jackson, and they have two children, Eddie and Jennifer Ann.

"The entire Calvary Church family is proud of Eddie Deuschle who served more than two years as an officer in the Armed Forces," states the pastor, Dr. Bob Ramsey. "Calvary is proud that such a favorite son was recommended for the Distinguished Service Cross and Silver Star for bravery in the Vietnam conflict, but is pleased beyond measure that he can commission him as an officer in the Lord's Army unto the most 'Distinguished Service' among God's children, the ministry of the glorious Gospel."

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Mrs. Mary D. Wingo, age 71, has been member of a Baptist church for 57 years and member of the Falkner Church for 49 years. She has taught Sunday School at Falkner for 27 years and has worked in Vacation Bible School for 22 years. She is a WMU member and works with 6, 7, and 8 year-olds in Church Training. Her late husband was teacher of the men's Sunday school class for seven years. Her two daughters and grandson made professions of faith at the Falkner Church.

Mrs. Wingo began a writing project about three years ago, in the form of a diary. She has been writing poems and songs for thirty years. Each day in the diary, she writes meditations concerning certain scriptures, and is also continually adding her original poems. Already the book contains over fifty songs.

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The day's activities will include regular morning and evening worship services at 11 and 7 plus the new

sanctuary dedication service at 2 p.m. In addition, there will be a luncheon in the church's activities building. Rev. Jim Bain, who has been pastor at North Oxford for 8 1/2 years, will deliver both the 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. addresses. The youth choir of the church will present a special program in the evening at 7.

Many guests and former members are expected to be in attendance, and all the public is invited.

The new sanctuary features exposed, laminated beams. The interior is decorated in blue and white, and the worship center is graced with a 300-series Allen Digital, computer organ on one side and an ebony six-foot Baldwin Grand on the other.

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A Loving Tribute To A Beloved Disciple Of Jesus Christ

This morning in our open Sunday School assembly program at Halbert Heights, Brookhaven, I would like to talk about a disciple of Jesus who was not mentioned by name in the Bible but was well-known for his work and testimony of Jesus Christ.

This disciple had the love for people that caused him to worry to the point of tears in concern for his fellowman.

This disciple was a man who had the ability to say I love you to any and everyone and you know he was

sincere.

This disciple used every opportunity to witness to anyone that he could.

This disciple, by his own admission, had very little education but could, through the leadership of the Holy Spirit, speak as one with a doctoral degree, to interpret the scripture and tell others of the love of Jesus and the need for us to witness for Him.

This disciple, through his prayers, could cause even the lost to know that this was a humble man talking to

his Lord. When this humble disciple prayed, you could feel the power of the Holy Spirit.

This disciple, even in his old age, spent much of his time visiting, comforting and witnessing to the aged in nursing homes. He loved these people very dearly.

This disciple had the love and ability to tell you that you were wrong and you would love him for it.

This disciple, when talking of his death, rejoiced in the fact that he knew the Lord and, with a shudder in his voice, would say, "Praise the Lord children, I'm going to see Jesus."

This disciple went to join Jesus this week and, in his death, as in his life, found victory in Jesus.

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